

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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YE THAT SEEK THE LORD, LOOK UNTO THE ROCK

Hell - What Is It?

A Very Important Subject But Greatly Misunderstood

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

There are many theories concerning this very important subject. Some seem to think that the term applies only to this earth. That hell is what men create by their own evil deeds, conscience, hell in the heart etc. This is a suggestion of Satan for the purpose of quieting men in their sins and finally defeating God's plan to save them.

We are sure that if it were not for the fear of the penitentiary or other serious punishments, wicked men and crime would overrun this country. God has ordained that there shall be a penalty inflicted for crime and rebellion against His law. It cannot be changed, it is as immutable as God Himself.

Hell in Three Phases

We will now turn to the subject proper. We consider that hell is represented in three phases viz. Sheol Gehenna and Taurus. We desire to take these up separately. First we will consider hell under the form "Sheol." This is a Hebrew word meaning the place of detention of disembodied spirits. This place is referred to by Paul as a prison. This prison formerly had two large rooms, upper and lower. The spirits of just men went to the upper room and the spirits of wicked men went to the lower. This upper room is where Abraham and Lazarus were. It is also where abode Isaac and Jacob. God said that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and that He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, thus showing that if God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob they were living in some place. At the time referred to by Jesus, Abraham was in the upper room of Sheol.

Jacob while in mourning about his son Joseph, and would not be comforted said that he would go down to Sheol to him mourning. Jacob believed that Joseph's body had been devoured by wild beasts, he did not lieve that his son's body was in the grave and that his spirit was resting with his body, but he believed that Joseph's spirit was in the upper room of Sheol and because of his own good life he expected to meet his son in that place reserved for righteous spirits.

A Place of Pleasure.

Jacob did not expect to get any relief from his great trial and burden until he arrived in Sheol.

Abraham said to the rich man concerning Lazarus "now he is comforted." His comfort consisted of being a bosom companion of Abraham. It also consisted of being direct the opposite to the evil things he suffered while in the world when he was poor, ragged, sick and sore, having no friends, none to love him. What a contrast! no pain or suffering in any manner whatever.

Jesus referring to Sheol as paradise, said to the thief, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." That very day the spirit of the thief accompanied the Spirit of Jesus to that place of pleasure, rest and comfort. Paradise is of Persian origin and was looked upon as being a garden of flowers, a delightful place, a park or pleasure land.

All the righteous spirits since the first Adam to the second Adam were there. They were fully conscious and because of this had a delightful time together. They were prisoners of hope, not prisoners of despair and suffering. They were doubtless looking forward with sweet anticipation of the time that they could sing the psalm, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

Jesus said that the gates of "Sheol" should not prevail against the Church. He has said since returning from Sheol, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen, and have the keys of death and of hell." (Sheol).

Who could doubt there being a great rejoicing time when Jesus passed victoriously through the gate of Sheol to make to the inmates of the

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DON'T LET THE DEVIL CHEAT YOU

MARANA, Ariz.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has saved me from sin and sanctified me by His precious blood. While I was praying for my little girl who was sick, I was impressed to lay the Evangel on her in the name of Jesus, believing He would heal her. I did so and He certainly healed her. Jesus' promises are true if we will only trust Him.

We had prayer meeting at our home last Thursday night. I was to lead the meeting and the Lord gave me verses on the Holy Ghost. As I am the only one here besides my own family who believes in this way, I let the devil talk me out of reading this Scripture for fear that it might weaken others who did not have the light on it. I didn't feel good at all about it. The Lord has made it plain to me that He has a work for me to do and I intend to do it if He is my helper. I want all who read this to pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and that I might ever be humble at the feet of Jesus. —Mollie Taylor.

All Along They Are Praying Thru

I have just returned from a trip to Dillon, S. C. I had a fine trip, but found the work in a discouraged condition, the Church being a little discouraged on account of their pastor backsliding. But we went to work when we got there and began having services night and day. As we worked, the Lord worked and the pastor of the Church got back to the Lord, with some of the flock that had wandered away. They all got back to the Lord. We had five days of battle and then five days of victory.

I would like to say in behalf of the pastor, Brother J. A. Hanvey, that I believe he was fully restored to the joy of salvation. And to the churches in the state, I will say, do not look down on him, but pray for him. He has promised to never be found guilty of falling again as he fell this time. I believe that he is sincere and is going to make good.

Just before leaving for Dillon, the Lord burdened my heart until it seemed that I just had to go. I told my wife that I felt like going if I had to start walking. So I went, and the Lord gave me the desire of my heart. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Hanvey in their work wherever they may be.

Now just a word about North Chattanooga: We have about seventy-five new members who have been added since I went there. In almost every service, we have an altar service and souls are praying thru. Even in our Wednesday night prayer meetings we are having altar services and all along they are praying thru. Pray for us that we will be at our best for the Lord and His Church.—H. L. Whittington.

SIGN BOARDS

TEXT.—Mark 16:17.—"And these signs shall follow them that believe." There is not a verse in the Bible that we Church of God people quote more than this one. We like to tell them that if these signs don't follow them, that they are not on the Bible plan. This is true, but there is more in the dear old Book than Mark 16, for we find in Matt. 4:4, "But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

So we find that it is not all in speaking in tongues and taking up serpents. This is good and will follow them that believe, but there are more signs than these. Jesus said in St. John 13:33, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." And in 1 John 4:20, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" And the next verse says that he who loveth God, loveth his brother also. Then

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HEAVEN

Reasons for Believing There is a Heaven

I. H. Marks.

"I go to prepare a place for you." Jno. 13:2.

1st. Because the human soul has always longed for such a place. Paul said at 2d Cor. 5:8 "We are willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

Paul said in Phil. 1:23 that he had a desire to depart and be with the Lord. 1st Pet. 1:4 "An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you."

Heb. 13:14, "For we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." There is a story told of an old heathen named Cleombrotus who read these great arguments of Plato about heaven and he went and threw himself down from a precipice that he might die and enter on that blessed life.

2d.—Because the soul has always felt there was such a place. When the soul gets tired of philosophy and argument it can just turn back and commune with itself and deep within itself it hears a voice as gentle and as unmistakable as an evening zephyr which says it must be so. That is the instinct of Heaven that God planted in every soul.

Like the little boy flying the kite and though it was out of sight someone asked him how he knew it was there and his answer was, "I know it is there for I feel the pull and tug of it." I know there is a Heaven. I feel the pull and tug of it in the soul.

3d.—Because the human soul needs just such a place. The best developments of this life are only fragments and the soul needs another life in order to go on to perfection. Sir Isaac Newton had a mind that could master the profoundest truths as easily as the average men could master A B C's, and one day some one complimented him on his vast learning, and don't you remember his humble reply? He said "I seem to be only a child, picking up a few pebbles on the shore while the great ocean of truth stretches unexplored before me. Think of the mysteries that are yet to be unravelled and the riddles yet to be solved and then a great many never have a chance to develop. Their intellect has been hampered by diseased bodies, some of them have been what Tennyson calls "forbidden builders" dying almost before they got started. Keats died when he was only 22 years of age and Raphael the unrivalled artist at 37 years. Others have been denied the opportunity by the force of circumstances. What chance has a child who grows up in a home of sin. They know nothing but sin in all its blighting influence, their senses are dulled from their earliest recollection by its awful blight and if after accepting Jesus as their personal Savior there are some things that will cling to them still. The soul needs Heaven and Heaven alone can finish out what life must leave unfinished here.

4th.—Because justice demands a place like Heaven. Things are not fixed up right down here. God had them fixed just right in the first place, but man, like the fool he has always been, mixed himself in and upset the whole thing. The whole business is out of balance and if all the heaven a man gets, and all the hell a man gets is what he gets right here on this earth (as some of these

sordid-minded, sin-loving, moral perverts claim), I'd like to know where justice comes in.

Nero and Borgia and other tyrants have set on thrones while godly saints have been sent to the dungeon, the scaffold and the flames. If there is no heaven, what recompense did Paul have for the stones and stripes that stung him well nigh to death and for the ax that chopped off his head, or Savanorola for the flames that licked up his blood on the square of San Marco close by the palace and the church? Is it justice that Savanorola and Wycliffe and Huss should die the martyr's death and not receive the martyr's reward? Is it justice that Nero and Dio-cletian should throw Christians to the lions and wade in innocent blood and not suffer for their crimes? Shall the Son of God be crucified and not be exalted. Justice steps in and has a word to say.

5th.—I believe there is a Heaven, because God says there is. I would rather have God's Word about anything than all the opinions of all the philosophers and scientific dignitaries in the world and especially when they try to tell me something that conflicts with God's Holy Word and try to make me believe that God meant something else other than what He plainly said.

Jesus had a good deal to say about Heaven and what He talked a great deal about we surely have a right to preach about. He said "I go to prepare a place for you." Also He said "In my Father's house are many mansions." He said "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Then in Hebrew we read "We have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Then, I guess these five reasons given should be enough to convince us that there is a Heaven.

Heaven is a Place

Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you." Cannon Farrar wrote a book once and called it "Eternal Hope." It is long on surmise and short on logic. He says "Heaven is to be something rather than to go somewhere." Well it is to be something, it is a condition, sure, it is a state of mind and heart, but it is more. If Jesus went anywhere, He must have gone somewhere. He could not go nowhere, then where is nowhere? Heaven is a place. Of course you could not be in a place without being in a condition, and I am sure the condition you are in is more important than the place and it would be better for a man to be in hell if he could keep the proper spirit in him there than to be in Heaven and have the mind of the devil in him. Some people would not be fit for Heaven, if they were allowed to get in. "I go to prepare a place for you." That is what He said. In my Father's house are many mansions and they are just as real as your home down here and you can trust God to make good on His promise.

Heaven is a Prepared Place

Some may say, "Well, He will have to prepare a big place." I say, well He has plenty of room. We think this old earth is a tremendous big place and it is, looking at it from a human point of view, but it is so small in God's realm, it is a wonder He has not forgotten it. If you could take an auger

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ON THE FIRING LINE FOR JESUS

WILCOX Fla.—I want to praise God through the Evangel. About 11 months ago the Lord saved me from sin, sanctified me with the precious blood, baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire and the fire is still burning on the altar of my heart. Praise the Lord! I am glad for a salvation that we can really know about, and for a Savior that walks and talks with us from day to day.

I also want to praise the Lord for His healing power. When He saved me, I hardly weighed 100 lbs., but Brother Rouse came this way and prayed for me, the Lord instantly healed me and I have gained 30 lbs. this year. My little boy had been near-sighted all his life, and during the Assembly Brother Rouse prayed for him and his eyes were healed, for which we praise the Lord. About nine days after we arrived home after having been to the Assembly, he took measles. We did not know what was the trouble with him, so we took him to church. The saints prayed for him but he did not seem to get any better and Saturday night I laid the Evangel on him and asked God to rebuke it and make him well. By morning his fever left him and the measles dried up. He is well now, for which we praise the Lord. I ask the saints to pray for me that I may be true to God at all times.—Mrs. R. P. Love.

KEEP YOUR VESSEL CLEAN

MAUD, Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord is wonderfully working here at Maud, Okla. We have our church building just complete enough to have service in. God has blessed in pouring His Spirit out, has also blessed financially.

We have a wonderful Sunday School started with sixty enrolled. We thank God for a place in which to worship and which we can call home (Church of God). We are expecting our overseer to come and hold us a meeting. We are also expecting great things from the Lord here. We feel the presence of the Lord and are looking to the Lord for the saints to rise and shine. We are looking to God for a clean Church as we find a Scripture which reads like this, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessel of the Lord." Isa. 52:11.

We see that the Lord means for us to keep clean, we also see that the vessel means our bodies. We find in John 15:2 where Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." So then look at the purging which means cleaning. That is the reason many of us today do not bring more fruits, I am afraid that we don't keep the vessel clean. It means both inside and outside. We find in 2 Tim. 2:21, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." We see that our bodies are the vessels of the Lord and if we keep them purged they will bear fruit. We find that the Lord told Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel, so will we be, if we keep purged. So many people seem to think that just any old way will do, but I believe the Lord meant just what He said, "Be ye clean that bear the vessel of the Lord."

There are many kinds of vessels but the vessels of the Lord must be clean or they can't bear fruit. In 1 Cor. 3:16 we find, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Verse 17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." So we see that uncleanness will defile the body. The temple, vessel and the body are the same. Keep your vessel clean.—Jim Hall.

The Killing of Uzzah

Many Unthoughtfully Disobey God's Command

II Samuel 6:7.

J. B. Simons, Ironton, O.

The killing of Uzzah by the hand of God presents to our mind some very serious thoughts and brings to us a greater desire and determination to live closer and obey His commands than ever before.

Before I begin to go into the sacred Word to bring out some of the beautiful truths, let me say here that I am still on the battlefield for God, feeling the presence of Him and the power of the Holy Ghost right now. I have a love for every one and am asking God to help me this year to do more to help our pastors and evangelists to make the churches better and bigger and may He help us to study to show ourselves approved unto God. Workmen that need not to be ashamed. I love the Church of God with all my soul. I love the governments and the ones who govern. I love the Evangel which is the silent messenger that takes the Gospel of Christ and carries it into thousands of homes, tells the glad tidings of great joy and inspires us to go higher and deeper in Him. May our dear Lord bless His Church, our General Overseer, our State Overseers, our Editor and Publisher, our pastors, evangelists, and members throughout the world. Pray for me as you read.

God gave to the children of Israel the ark of the covenant to keep, just as He gives His blessings to us, and if we keep and use them as He commands us they bless us; but if not they become burdensome and we cannot enjoy them. Let's take the man who pays tithes for selfish gains, he soon finds out that He doesn't gain anything and his tithing fails to be a blessing. On the other hand, the man who pays tithes because he loves God and His Church, because he knows the Word says it is right, he sees it as his duty to the Church and to God; he pays tithes because he loves to obey God. This man soon finds out that he is blessed not only financially but in spirit and in health. And let me say here, that God will not bless us unless we do as He has said for us to do.

The ark of God was a sacred object. It was a chest made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold and the lid of it constituted the mercy-seat or place of propitiation, over which two cherubim extended their wings. This sacred object was not to be touched by human hands; four rings were made in the ark in which they were to place poles in order to carry the ark from one place to another. God did not intend for them to haul the ark on a cart, no, not even a new cart.

Let's see how God blessed Israel as they came to the crossing of Jordan.

The priests are carrying the ark and we see Jordan out of its banks, the water covering all the low land. We see all Israel marching on as though nothing was in their way. They march up to the water's edge. I hear someone begin to grumble and grumble, saying, "I knew it was no use to come here. I told you it was all foolishness to walk all the way here, knowing that the Jordan is always out of banks at harvest time." Yes, I see old Brother Fault-Finder come up and join in the conversation. "Of course it is all foolishness. Why Moses would never have thought of such a thing. This fellow, Joshua, is too young. He has never had any experience in leading a people like this. If we only had Moses back, we might go somewhere, but as for Joshua, he doesn't know much about this kind of thing. We never will get anywhere or do any good until we get another leader." I also see Brother Faith, tried and true, following close beside the ark. I see him as he looks out across the rolling Jordan, then looking upward I hear him thanking God for a leader like Joshua, one who would not stop. Now I see old Brother Faith look back to the angry Jordan and cross to a land that contained an abundance of good things. I hear him

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The Two Roads

There is a road of blackest mud,
And one of whitest stone;
One is narrow, the other wide,
And the narrow one leads home.
The widest road does not bog,
On the narrow road you travel slow;
The narrow one leads up above,
The widest one down below.

Maude P. Little, Trenton, Tex.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

Brother Jernigan, Overseer of Va., filled the pulpit at the Auditorium Sunday morning and Sunday night. His message Sunday morning was on "Greater Zeal," Num. 25:13. He gave several good reasons why the zeal of the Church, or at least some of the members, have cooled off. He numbered quite a few little things that people take up which they had left off. For instance, speaking of others' faults when they are not present. I feel that the congregation was greatly blessed by this message. I wish the entire Church could have heard it.

His message Sunday night was on the "Ransom for our redemption." I Tim. 2:6. "He gave Himself a ransom for all." He explained what a ransom was and illustrated it by taking up the thought of the awful crime wave of kidnapping that has filled our land. He spoke sympathetically about how a father will give all that he has for his kidnapped child, and of how God gave His only Son that we might be redeemed from the mountains of sin and go back home in peace and joy to live in communion with the Lord. This message was indeed uplifting and all present wonderfully enjoyed it.

Brother Jernigan is visiting his parents in Cleveland and is also here in the interest of his little book, "From the Gambling Den to the Pulpit," which is just off the press. This book can be had by writing J. C. Jernigan at Marion, Va., or the Church of God Publishing House. I am sure that everyone would do well to order a copy.

The Lord is still blessing in many ways, for which we thank Him. Some of our Chattanooga friends were present at the Friday afternoon preaching service which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The students did some good preaching. What a feast to hear these precious boys and girls tell of God every Friday afternoon.

The teachers in the school tell us that the students are making the best record on examinations this year that they have ever made.

Everything is looking good, but listen, "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage, and God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them." Exod. 1:12; 2:23, 25.

"The more we are opposed by our spiritual and temporal enemies, the more will the Church of God increase in and through us. And when distress and dangers oppress us most, God hastens to our aid, and makes our necessity itself the means of our relief: for the ways of God are always wonderful. It was an extreme distress when the children of the Israelites were cast into the river; but this was the means of preserving Moses, their intended deliverer. When Moses came, they were not relieved immediately, for their calamities increased. This is God's method. But they cried the more to God, and He relieved them by signs and wonders. After this, their distress was greater than ever at the Red Sea; for, after God has shown His glory in assisting us, He can still send greater trials. But when they were beset on all sides by distress and death, then came the most glorious success of all and their enemies perished in the Red Sea. Lord, suffer us not to despair in any extremity, but enable us to believe and experience that the greater our distress, the nearer and more glorious will be thy aid, and all our enemies will be consumed as stubble be-

Notices and Specials

WANTED—I have a little church in South Alabama near Dothan without a pastor and have been unable to get anyone to go there. It is Taylor, Ala. This is a fine section for evangelizing and a great opportunity for some evangelist who is willing to trust God and do a fine work. There are a number of holiness people in this section, but few Church of God folks. I want a volunteer who is willing to pastor this church and evangelize the other places around Taylor. Write me at Rt. 3, Boaz, Ala.—S. J. Heath, State Overseer.

To the members of the Church of God at Williamsburg, Ky.:

This applies to those who have moved away and are not attending services. We are in favor of the one dollar per member proposition to pay off our debt at headquarters. We ask you to appear in person or send in one dollar to help pay off this debt. Please think on this and send money to A. L. Davis, Williamsburg, Ky.

To the brethren and sisters of South Carolina and other states as well:

You are cordially invited to attend the services which will be held at the Church of God at Blacksburg Sunday April 8th. We are going to have Home Coming Day and are counting on having a feast with the Lord.

Our State Overseer will be with us if nothing happens and also a string band. Dinner also will be served at the church, so if you want to have a good time come and be with us on that day. We will observe the Lord's Supper and Feet washing on Sunday night following. Remember the date—April 8th.—George Cooper, Clerk.

The Ranger, Tex. District Convention will convene at Ranger, Tex. Mar. 3, 4 1928 which will be Saturday and Sunday. This includes Thurber, Strawn, Desdemonia, Abilene and Ranger. Everybody is welcome. Come over and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.—E. W. Williams, State Overseer, in charge, A. L. Jenkins, District pastor.

I am asking if anyone knows the whereabouts of William Ramey. Last heard of in Crockett Texas. Please send his address to Clairette Moore, Rt. 2, Box 47, Crockett, Tex.

This is to notify all the members of the Church of God at High Splint, Ky., that Brother R. C. Hall of Ridgeway, Ky., has duly been appointed clerk and treasurer for the Church of God.

Anyone wishing to help us on the \$1.00 drive for the indebtedness of the orphanage and church etc. can send it to R. S. Hall, Ridgeway, Ky., Box 12. We hope to hear from you soon with your one dollar.—D. H. Enix, Pastor.

If Sister Amelia Shumaker sees this, please pray for Sister Eva Dell Woods and write me.—Sister Pearl King, P. O. Box 1051, Monroe, La.

The Church of God at Tarpon Springs would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Lillian O'Haro.—Owen S. Leigh.

I would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following persons: Mrs. Lella Smith, Mr. J. E. Smith. If these parties see this, I ask that you write me, stating your standing with the Lord, etc. If anyone knows of them, please write me the address. It will be appreciated.—T. C. Franklin, pastor, Box 152, Ware Shoals, S. C.

I am an evangelist in the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. Anyone desiring a revival held after July 15th, I will be ready for service and will serve you after this date. Will aid or assist any brother who will stand foursquare for the Gospel and the Church.—J. T. Harris, Rt. 3, Roswell, Ga.

The Church of God at Memphis, Tenn., would like to know the spiritual condition of the following: Sister Ada Dixon, Amanda Bishop, Ollie Gillett, Brother Ian Furr, R. C. Mullen, Maude Rackley.

We would be glad to hear from the above mentioned members at once as every member is expected to pay \$1.00 each on the Church's indebtedness. Address Mrs. Catherine Sims, 3612 Gutierrez Ave., clerk.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Mr. S. J. Hammond please notify Mrs. Ada Lawson, clerk for the Church of God, Stallings, W. Va.

fore the devouring flame."

Not different food, or different dress, Compose the kingdom of our Lord; But peace, and joy, and righteousness, Faith, and obedience to his Word.

When weaker Christians we despise, We do the gospel mighty wrong; For God, the gracious and the wise, Receives the feeble with the strong.

Let pride and wrath be banished hence, Meekness and love our souls pursue, Nor shall our practice give offence To saints, the Gentile or the Jew.—Selected.

We want to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Maggie Spires and Mrs. Maggie McKenny. If anyone knows anything about these parties please tell them to write to me.—Viola Starrs, 88 K. Ave., Thomas-ton, Ga.

Mrs. Eliza Phillips requests a world-wide prayer for the healing of her eyes and a scalp disease that the doctors pronounce incurable. She also requests prayer that her brother may be healed of lung trouble.

To the ministers and clerks of the Churches of God in Mississippi: Brother H. S. Dearman has been appointed treasurer for the mission fund for the state. Everyone that has mission money and those that get mission money please send one half of it to headquarters and the other half to H. S. Dearman, Rt. 2, Box 137, Drew Miss. I am sure Brother Dearman will write to our people through the Evangel instructing them just how this must be done.—C. G. Edwards, State Overseer.

TO THOSE WHO NEED HELP

We expect to commence a meeting at Clay City, Ky., D. V. on the 19th of this month. Anyone in that part of the country who would like a meeting will pray God about it. Mrs. Amelia Shumaker evangelist, Miss Martha Zimmerlin, pianist. Write me at Waterville, Ky. Clerk of that place, Miss Bell Larrison.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker.

This is to notify all the members of the Church of God at Augusta, Ga., also all the ministers and members of the Augusta district that our District Convention will convene here on Friday night before the 2d Sunday in April, with Brother J. W. Culpepper, our State Overseer in charge.

We want all of you to be here, and those that have their membership here, bring one dollar to pay on the debt at headquarters, as we want to get up our part that day.

Now we are expecting you to do this and we believe you will. Some have already paid in their one dollar, so come praying that the Lord will give us a great time with Him. Our revival will start right after the convention is over. Brother Culpepper has promised to stay with us one week, so come or write me. Humbly, W. A. Sullivan, pastor, 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.

Anyone desiring a revival, I am ready to assist you at any time. Write me at Box 151, Helena, Ark.—E. M. Bass, (colored).

The Church of God at Augusta, Ga., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: A. D. Green and wife, Nettie Wren, Sallie O. Lee, E. D. Johnson, Nellie Hare, Alice Johnson, Lula Veal, Mary Glover. The Church wishes to hear from them at least every three months.—W. A. Sullivan, pastor, Orie Dennis, clerk, 1845 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.

This is to notify all the members of the local church at Belmont, N. C., who live a distance away to bring or send the one dollar as suggested at the Assembly. We are getting along fine with this. This is to clear the debt at headquarters and we are in favor of the one dollar per member proposition, so get at this right away and let us go over the top. Send money to D. R. Robinson, Box 281, Belmont, N. C.

To the Church of God and whom it may concern:

My membership has been changed from Jacob's Tabernacle to Mary Springs. We stand for the Church of God in the old time way and take the whole Bible as our guide. We cannot take every dope that comes along and be a Christian. People must trust the Lord for their healing or backslide. Read Psa. 103. Pray for us. Yours for lost souls.—J. H. Brooks, Rt. 6, Liberty, Miss.

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To the churches of God in Tenn.: I am announcing the dates and places for some of the District conventions for Tennessee as follows:

Jefferson City District—at Jefferson City, March 16-18.

Knoxville District—at Knoxville, March 30th to April 1st.

Greenville District—at Jones Chapel near Greenville, April 13-15.

Cleveland District—at Cleveland Auditorium, April 27-29.

Copperhill District—at Etowah, May 18-20.

Chattanooga District—at Campaign June 15-17.

I am expecting to announce others at a later date and I want to insist that each minister and member keep these conventions in mind and do your best to attend the one on your district. We want to make Sunday the

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and bore a hole into the sun and pour 1,200,000 earthen like this one into it and still have room for 4,900,000 moons to lie around the inside edge. That is tremendous, but some of the fixed stars like Alpha Centauri are five times larger than the sun. Science claims that Neptune is twenty-five times larger than this earth in which we live. He's close to three billion miles away and you cannot see him unless you climb Mt. Hamilton and look through the lick telescope or go to Lake Geneva and point that powerful Yerkes telescope with its forty inch diameter lens at him. Well, if that is true, how large do you suppose that beautiful star, Lyra is, which is 100,000 times farther away than Neptune? and too you can see it with your own naked eye. God has plenty of space. How far away do you suppose the sun is? If you could charter a fast train and hit it off at a clip of 60 miles an hour, it would take you 177 years to get to the sun. Figure it out and it makes the sun 93,000,000 miles from where we are now. Some distance! But listen, there is Mercury nearest to the sun, whizzing around her orbit at the rate of 109,000 miles an hour. They say the closer to the sun they are, the faster they go. No speed limit up there, and the General Traffic Manager is onto his job—they do not have any smash-ups.

Then in the evening, if you will look in the Southwest you will see Venus. He is called the most beautiful star seen by the naked eye and he is about 35,000,000 miles farther out than Mercury. He swings around the sun once in 224 days and when he gets on the other side he is nearly twice as far from the earth as is the sun. They claim Jupiter is three times as large as all the other planets put together. He is 1,250 times larger than the earth, but turns on his axis every ten hours, that is 47 miles a second. Going some, isn't it? If you lived in Jupiter and wanted to go to the sun and you could charter a fast train and run 50 miles an hour, it would take you nine centuries to get there. Well, you say, that is some distance! Oh no, Saturn, they say, is 790,000,000 miles from the earth at the nearest point. They say the shell from a 13 inch gun travels at the rate of 15 miles a minute, and if a modern gun could fire a projectile far enough at that rate, it would take it 111 years to drop down on the shores of that far away prodigious luminary.

Then, there is Uranus, 64 times larger than the earth and more than twice as far away as Saturn, 1,800,000,000 miles.

It is claimed if you could take an aeroplane and sail 100 miles an hour, it would take you 3,000 years to get to Neptune. He is 2,780,000,000 miles away. You do not know how much a billion is. If you would count 100 a minute, it would take you 19 years to count a billion counting day and night. Ah, God is not cramped for room. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions."

Neptune is nearly 3,000,000,000 miles away, but Alpha Centauri is 250,000 times farther away than the sun and the North Star is 14 times farther away than Alpha Centauri. If you had an aeroplane system operating to the North Star and you paid 2 1/2 cents a mile, it would only cost you eight trillion, nine hundred billion dollars and making 100 miles an hour, which is very easy for an aeroplane, it would take you 409,000,000 to arrive there.

The light from Alpha Centauri is four years old when it gets to us and light travels at the rate of 192,000 miles a second. Talk about room, in my Father's house are many mansions. Who conceived all this and brought it into existence? God. It is disgusting to hear some little old "yeller-livered, pigmy, puny, pusillanimous infidel" disputing about God's work and what God cannot do—hush up, don't want to hear your racket.

For all the millions that have died and all the millions that will die, God has plenty of room.

In Revelation it states that an angel

crowning day of the convention and we are going to expect a good delegation from each church with a report of the work of your church. So let us all work faithfully to make this a great year for the Lord in Tennessee. Yours in the Lord's service.—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Tennessee.

There will be Home Coming Day at Pisgah Springs church northwest of Eupora, Miss. on Easter Sunday Apr. 8th, 1928. We are expecting God to bless. Pray much for the service. We would like for every member to be present, also our State Overseer. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!! (Miss) Mamie Ray, Rt. 3, Eupora, Miss.

The Church of God at Perry, Fla., desires to know the whereabouts of the following members: T. J. Polatta and wife, Mrs. E. J. Boyett, Mrs. I. H. Ayers, Miss Vannie Coker, Mrs. Nora Baggett, Mrs. Lizzie Pridgeon Flowers, Mrs. Bertha Wheeler Kemp, Miss Velma Whitson, Mrs. M. D. Chessner, Mrs. Della Pert. These people are required to report to the Church of God at Perry, Fla., by March 10th, 1928 or otherwise be unloyal and excluded.—D. W. Mills, moderator, W. R. Cockcroft, Clerk.

took the measurement of Heaven and he said it was 12,000 furlongs, the length, height and breadth of it are equal. That is nearly 8,000,000 feet, and if you cube that you will get 512 quintillion feet; then if the world stood for 100,000 years and have a billion people dying off every generation that would only make 300 trillion people and that would give every one 56 feet of room each way, and if that was not large enough God could send his surveying angel out and throw His boundary line around a few sextillion acres more.

Heaven is beautiful

God made it beautiful. The Bible does not go into detail, but it tells us enough to let us know that beauty in Heaven has reached its perfection. God loves beauty, or He would not have put so much of it in this world. Who painted the butterflies' wings, with all those gorgeous hues and threw around the evening sun her drapery of a thousand colors? Who put the red on the robins' breast? From whose pastel were the colors, mixed that gave the rose its blushing charm and touched the lily with its dreamy white? Who taught the raindrop to take a ray of light from Heaven's shining orb and pencil it on the sky in one huge arch of bewildering elegance? God did it all. He made everything beautiful and only sin has marred it, but in Heaven you will find God's beauty at its best. The fairest vision on earth, all of her enrapturing scenery; all her matchless music and all her sweetest fragrance are but the faintest indications possible of the ineffable and entrancing beauty that shall greet us everywhere as we enter and dwell in that celestial city whose builder and maker is God.

John got a glimpse of it one day from his lonely island and tried to tell us about it, but the best he could do was to use a few symbols our poor little minds could understand, and he said "The walls are of Jasper, the foundations garnished with precious stones, every gate a pearl and the city is of pure gold." Every gate a pearl! Who doesn't go into ecstasy over the lustre of a perfect pearl? W. E. Bidderwolf said he heard one day while in Philadelphia a certain firm carried a fine selection of pearls so he got an introduction to the fellow who could show them to him, and asked to see the finest they had in stock. He states the fellow took him through a big iron gate and laid one on the palm of his hand about the size of a bullet and after gazing at it in amazement he asked how much it was worth, the man replied "7,000." Then what a wonderful thought—the gates of that city are all pearl and one glad day, if you and I will be true to Jesus, those gates of pearl will swing open and the angels that stood on the balcony of Heaven and serenaded a new born world wrapped in swaddling clothes of light in the dawn of God's creation will sing a song of welcome as we sweep through.

There was a little girl who was blind from her birth, and only knew of the beauties of earth from her mother's lips. A noted surgeon worked on her eyes and at last his operations were successful and as the last bandage was removed, she sprang into her mother's arms and then to the window and the open door and as the glories of earth rolled into her vision she ran screaming back to her mother and said "O mamma why didn't you tell me it was so beautiful?" And the mother wiped the tears of joy from her eyes and said, "My precious child, I tried to tell you, but I couldn't do it." And maybe when you and I go sweeping through those gates of pearl and catch a glimpse of the wondrous beauty of that eternal white city we will hunt up old Brother John and say, "John, why didn't you tell us how beautiful it was?" And John will say, "I tried to when I wrote the 21st and 23d chapters of the last book of the Bible after I got my vision, but I couldn't do it."

Now this is the Heaven that God has prepared for you and for the (Continued on page 4)

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paradise garden the announcement, that the plan of salvation is now complete or at least would be when He returned by the tomb to take up His body and ascend again to heaven?

Paradise Moved

This may seem strange doctrine to some, but we will say upon the authority of God's word that paradise is no more located at the place where Jesus and the thief visited, but is doubtless a place more beautiful, and located in the heavenly country. Paul stated that he had been caught up to paradise. We also learn from the study of the Scripture that paradise is where the river of life is located, also where God's throne is.

It is no more down in the lower parts of the earth but is above. Our mind is directed above, our hope is above. John looked up and saw by faith, the souls of the tribulation saints beneath the altar. They were not complete, as they are only souls within the body, but they aren't sleeping souls, they are wide awake, they remember how they suffered during the tribulation, but the noticeable feature is, they cry, they hear, they talk and even wear white robes though they have not yet received their resurrected body. This is anything else but soul-sleeping.

When I am to die
Receive me I'll cry,
For Jesus has loved me,
I cannot tell why;
But this I do find
The two are so joined,
He'll not be in Heaven,
And leave me behind.
—Christian Work.

(To be continued)

Keep Your Promise To God

WATERTOWN, Fla.—I want to praise my blessed Savior for His wonderful works and merciful kindness to us. I just can't praise Him enough. My baby became ill four weeks ago today. I would lay the Evangel on it in Jesus' name and ask Him to heal it if it was His will. The baby would soon raise up and begin playing. I promised God I would testify of it and I haven't done it so today my baby is worse. Dear saints everywhere, let us keep our promise to God. Pray for my baby to be healed of stomach trouble, also for my home to always be one of peace.

Pray for husband and I to always set good examples before our children, keep in the center of God's will and be a light to those in darkness. Oh how my heart yearns for lost souls. I praise and thank my blessed Redeemer for finding me fit to be called of Him. I know I have full and free salvation. I feel His presence with me now. The day He led me out of darkness into the marvelous light, is still in my memory. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus.—Mrs. H. O. Thompson.

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Jesus Is Coming Soon

It is my turn to write to the Evangel again. I am glad to say we are having the "time of our lives" over here. God is blessing wonderfully and we are glad.

One day Jesus was talking to His apostles. He told them that they should wait for the promise of the Father (Holy Ghost). Soon after He finished His sayings, He was taken up, a cloud received Him out of their sight. His apostles stood there astonished, but two men stood by them in white apparel and informed them that Jesus would come back in this manner. So we are following the advice of those two men. We are looking for Jesus to come back again.

Many people are unconcerned about this matter, but I believe that His coming is very near at hand. Everything points to that event. It will be a surprise to those who are not ready to go, just as it was a surprise to the apostles to see Him leave. But to those who are ready, it will be a glad and happy time.

We are studying each day to know more about His Word, that we might be able to go out in this world of sin and tell the people about the near coming of our Lord. It won't be long until we will be leaving this place. We expect to go and tell the lost world about Jesus and His love and power to save lost humanity. Our aim is to be at our best for the Lord.

When you good workers are laboring with all your might to get somebody saved, a little band of students at Cleveland, Tenn. is praying for your success. While we are not on the field, we are doing what we can to push the good Gospel. Pray for us.—Student, J. B. Cole, Cleveland, Tenn.

Students, Go Forth In Jesus' Name

Dear Evangel readers, I want to sound a note of praise to my Savior who so wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I am glad that I didn't turn Him away when He knocked at my heart.

I want to thank Him because I am in Bible School. It is indeed a wonderful place to be. The presence of the Lord is here all the time, but at times He pours a special blessing upon us. He is a welcome guest and we are always glad to have Him with us. Some mornings when we pray, the Lord blesses so that we have to miss one or two lessons.

I have become greatly attached to the Bible School and hate to see it close, and to have to part with the students. I do not know of anything that would give me more pleasure than to be informed of the fact that the students, after leaving school, have gone forth in Jesus' name, supported by His power, and were bravely hurling the good tidings of salvation before a cold, darkened and sin-cursed world.

Stand true and some day we will meet again where there will be no more sorrow, but all will be happiness. When we reach that great city, it will be our privilege to look upon the sweet face of our Savior, together with the Father who sacrificed Him that we might live. There we will shout His praises with our loved ones who, perhaps thru our standing firm, were enabled to get the light. Pray for me that I may stand true to the Lord's will at all times.—Your sister in Christ, Elta Williams, Cortez, Fla.

Young People, Take a Bible Course

Dear readers of the Evangel, I am truly glad for another opportunity of writing a few lines in our dear little paper. I am glad to report that the Bible School is coming on very nicely and we believe that God's great hand of approval must certainly be on our work here, as this great power comes down upon us each day and blesses our souls. The Lord is really recognized as being one in our midst.

I consider it a great privilege to attend such an institution as the Church of God Bible School. This is a place where we study to be approved, a workman unto God's great vineyard. We have learned here in School that God wants workers who are not idle minded, as an idle mind is the devil's workshop. By the good instructions of Brother Payne and Brother Walker, our minds are being trained in the manner of good thoughts. The saddest part will be when we must say good-bye at the end of the term, as we just feel like one big family here. It will be almost like saying good-bye to our "Home sweet home" next April.

My dear young people my advice to you is to take a course at the Bible School if possible at all. Perhaps you think you are not called to preach, so why go to Bible School? But God has a mission for each one of us to fulfill, and in the fast flying age in which we now live, we have to train ourselves to be able to compete with the old deceiver and his forces. I am very thankful indeed for the young people's society which has made it

possible for Brother Ralph Tedder and I to be in Bible School. For information regarding the management of a young people's society, which can make things possible and do business for God, just write Brother S. F. Beard, Box 2511, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

May the good Lord bless all who read this is my prayer. Pray for me that the little spark of God's love might burn in my soul, that the world might see Jesus in my life.—Daniel Cupp.

THE DAYS HAVE QUICKLY PASSED

As I sit here and think on the goodness of the Lord, it makes me rejoice and yet at the same time I cry because I know I am not able to tell half of what Jesus has done for me. Surely it must have meant much to give up His glory in Heaven and come to this sinful world to make a way that lost humanity might be redeemed. Yes, we love and praise Him for salvation.

Can we realize how fast the days have passed; only a few more weeks and we students will have to separate, each to their duty which they have to perform for the Lord, by His help. Somehow I feel that God is going to work in the near future, as we have never seen Him work, for we already see what God is doing now in many places. I believe God is preparing His children for the glory that awaits them. Bless His name!

God is blessing in a wonderful way. Oh, how the power does fall at times, and it makes us real happy. Thank the Lord! We students feel like we have been well paid for sacrificing money, time and loved ones to come here. Some have asked, "Why come so far just to go to Bible School; spend so much money? Isn't there schools out there?" This may seem foolish to some who do not know. There are other schools, but we want the whole Bible and the full gospel preached, taught and measured up to, and we find it only in the Church of God.

Oh, how we need to study the Word, even if we don't expect to become a preacher. Some people have an idea that when you go to Bible School that you will come out a preacher. Perhaps some come with that intention, just to have the honor of being called a preacher, and fail because God has not called them, or haven't the talent for such, or because they just wanted a big name. On the other hand there are some who would like to get out of preaching, knowing what they have to meet and put up with and realizing that it isn't an easy job, as some think it to be. "Lord help us to obey and not be afraid to trust you for all things, small or great." He will supply our every need, including the grit, grace and boldness. Praise the Lord!

I don't mean to criticize the preachers' errors, but there are some who need to be here to learn. There have been times when I have been embarrassed. To illustrate this a preacher preaching on Zachariah climbing the sycamore tree, mispronounced Zachariah, and called the latter an Eskimo tree. It sounded so ridiculous that I thought I would have to excuse myself and not hear the rest of the sermon. This is a place to learn how to rightly divide the Word of God. We are also instructed along other lines that will be a help. The vocal music lessons are good; we learn to sing, and some of us take piano lessons which will be a great help in meetings.

If we have a good year and a good crop in N. Dak., we will have more students here from the North. I would love to come back and finish the course. May God bless you. Continue to pray for us.

Come to our closing program here April 13th. You are welcome.—One who loves the Lord, Lillian L. Soldier, Ree, N. Dak.

LORD PRESENT AT MEETING

KILDAV, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost, and I am a strong believer in divine healing. Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus. I praise the Lord for our beloved pastor, Brother E. D. Johnson who has taught us the Word of God so pure, so sweet and plain. We have some real willing workers for the Lord and His Cause in Kildav, Ky.

I want to say the Lord was with us in our nine nights meeting in Coxton, Ky. It started Jan. 2d, 1928. Our pastor gave out the Word with much power and many witnessed that the Word was true. I ask the saints of God everywhere to pray for the little band at Kildav, that we will do everything to the glory of God. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Mamie Day, Box 81.

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SIGN BOARDS

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love is one of the signs that will follow them that believe. Almost everything go by signs—the lighthouse, the signals on the railroad, and many more are just signs to guide to safety. If we make it through, we will have to go by His Word which is our guide to safety.

When we want something in the line of clothing we look for the sign, "Drygoods." We would not think of going to the drug store for clothing. If we wanted some hardware, we would not go to the drygoods store but where there was a sign "Hardware." If we went to the hardware store and called for some hardware, and the keeper would say, "This is not a hardware store," we would tell him to take his sign down. There are too many Church members who have the wrong sign out. If you are a Christian, display the sign of Christ.

When we walk down the street and see the signs in front of the store, we expect to find just what they are advertising. So if the Church of God mothers let their girls wear the signs of the harlot we must expect them to be looked on as harlots. If they go on the street with their bodies exposed as the harlot on the red light district, we must expect men to look on them as harlots, but when men see them in these garbs and insult them, we want them put in jail. But the best way to keep someone from insulting daughter, is to have her take down the sign.

I have often thought that if some of our good Church of God mothers could go to the places where our styles come from and see who it is that get them out, they would have our precious girls to take in their signs, for we are living sign boards. Paul says in 2 Cor. 3:2, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

We see Paul said that all men were reading us, so let us put off the signs of the world and begin to display the signs of godliness, so that people may see our good works and be constrained to follow Jesus. There are many wrong signs. Confusion is not a sign of godliness, for Jesus is not the author of confusion but of peace. Paul says in Rom. 14:19, "Let us therefore follow after the things that make for peace." Then if you have the sign of confusion up, take it down and put up the sign of peace. If we would get as busy seeking for the things that make peace as we are looking for someone's faults, the Church we love so well would take on new strength and mount up, and the world would wonder at the signs and wonders that would be wrought by the power of our God.

You and I would see the signs of Mark, that we have been preaching so long, being done. The sick would be healed, the blinded eyes opened, the deaf ears unstopped, sinners would come crying, what shall I do to be saved. We are leaving off too many things we know to do and God is not pleased with us. There are many things we know that are good and we just leave them off. We are the Church of God, believe in tithes; we say that it is God's plan to keep His ministers on the field, but there are many who will not pay tithes.

The sinners know these things and are reading you. When we fail to pay tithes they say we don't believe in our own Church, and where is your influence? Remember they are reading you. Where is your sign? Some say it is good to pay tithes but don't pay them. James says in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Some will say that Jesus did not say pay tithes, but He said give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. In Leviticus we find that the tithes are the Lord's. Lev. 27:30, "And all the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

Jesus knew that that was there when He said give to God the things that are God's. Matt. 22:21. He did not condemn them that paid tithes, but said these things ye ought to have done and not to leave the other undone. Then brother if you are not paying tithes you are robbing God, you are displaying the sign of the robber. The world is reading your sign. If we want God to go with us, we must go by His Word. Text: "These signs shall follow them that believe." Conclusion: Mark 16:20 "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."—Amen.—W. W. Harmon, 2510 Stewart St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

NOTICE TO STATE OVERSEERS

The Bureau of Census has been corresponding with me about our record of membership and other things. They asked me to give them the names and addresses of the State Overseers. I did so. They will soon correspond with you asking for information. Please give me all the information you can.—F. J. Lee.

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A TWO-FOLD REST

Robert Hill.

"Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29.

Here is the second rest. Now to make this subject more impressive I wish to call attention to another reading found in Heb. 4:1. "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Both texts come from fields of New Testament truth. The first one is an invitation from the blessed Christ to the hungry, thirsty, famishing souls gathered around Him at the base of the beautiful mountains of Palestine. The second one is a warning to believers concerning the second rest as mentioned in the first of the danger in neglecting to enter into this second rest.

The theme of this text of which I call your attention, is "HIS rest." Surely this text is of great importance to all, and is worthy of earnest, prayerful consideration. There is much unrest and dissatisfaction all around us, in the annals of the Church and out of it. Surely, surely God has prepared a remedy, for He does not mock us, but promises His people that they shall be abundantly satisfied. The Scripture speaks of three rests, the first one in the text is to the penitent sinner, the second is promised to His disciples, and after this second rest His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Then He speaks of the third rest, to those who die in the Lord, whose works do follow them. Here is the rest for the glorified saints. It is not my purpose in this message to give attention to the first rest received at pardon, nor to the "REST received in Glory," but the much needed REST which God has promised to the struggling believer.

In the experience of every justified believer there is a further need of cleansing from that troublesome something that causes unrest, and dissatisfaction. The least degree of carnality, so long as it continues within there never can be a perfect continuous, abiding REST in the heart.

We may, and will, have seasons of rest, refreshing and blessing and be genuinely happy, and yet not go a day's length until we find the same old unrest in the heart. We may have a good home, plenty of money and a good time in this world with a good standing in society and yet have unrest within. We may belong to the Church, be on the official board, give of our means to support the Gospel, be faithful in attending divine worship, have a love for God and true interest in the affairs of the Church and yet have an unsatisfied heart. Yea, we may teach in the Sunday School, take part in the leagues, belong to the Missionary Society, pray in prayer meeting, and be genuinely happy at intervals and yet have that within which causes us unrest in the next few days. We may preach the Gospel and preach with power, have a real interest in the unsaved, lead sinners to the altar, help pray them thru and still be unsatisfied. Yet we may not be completely covered in the VESTURE dipped in blood. Nay, nay, I tell you no human attainments, or intellectualism, will satisfy our hungry souls, but "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they SHALL BE FILLED." God must turn His purifying, cleansing fountain of BLOOD on our hearts and purely purge away our every sin. The cold, indifferent formal Church goes may not have a longing for this perfect heart cleansing, but all they, who are loving Christ and keeping His commandments, will have a ceaseless burning, heart-cry for this INWARD SOUL REST. This is promised only to those who have a perfect knowledge of sins forgiven, and who are NOW the sons of God.

The very people to whom our text is addressed, were Christians but it would seem that their outward lives were abreast with the religious profession they had made, for it is said, in writing to them, that God was not unrighteous to forget their work and labor of love which they had shown toward His name. They had been laboring for God and had been ministering to the saints who were in need, and all this sprang from true love for Him. It is plain that they were Christians. They were not backslidden, but had an experience that made them ensamples to all that believed, but the faithful apostle was anxious for them. He said "LET US FEAR." He was afraid they would come short of this SECOND REST.

Folks today, are entering this second rest too easily, or seem to be. Oh God, do help us to make no mistake concerning this second rest. If we will look into the epistle we will find many strong exhortations to the people of God, to seek and obtain deeper and fuller experiences. Peter exhorted the brethren to seek an experience that would make them holy in all manner of conversation. James exhorted them who were double minded, to seek a pure heart. John exhorted them to perfect love, which casteth out fear. The whole New Testament teaches us to believe and expect an uttermost salvation. Why was the writer of this epistle so concern-

ed about those who already had an experience in the things of God? I believe if we will look a little farther, we will find the cause of his anxiety. These people had something in them that would cause their hearts to spring a leak, for did he not say, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip?" (Margin reading, as a leaking vessel). Remaining carnality in any degree in the heart, makes it as a leaking vessel, so that in spite of our resolutions, joy and peace will leak out. Oh, who has not at some time, experienced a leakage of peace and joy?

Then these people had something left in them, and lo, he said it was unbelief, and in the heart. Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. In great revivals of today many of the converts soon depart from the living God. What is the trouble? Simply an evil heart of unbelief. He said they were full of hearing. Carnality makes people unappreciative of spiritual things. Every preacher of full salvation will remember the vacant stare, the disinterested look, the clouded face of many in his congregation to whom he was bringing a message of gospel salvation. When I hear an old time Gospel message of full salvation thru the BLOOD, backed up by the power of GRACE and love, I know it on the spot. If you want me to sit still just preach from the head, without the Blood on your soul, but if you expect me to shout, then get under the Blood. Every single child of God who has entered into this second rest, knows perfectly well what I am talking about.

I have been in meetings where the preacher was preaching under the power and unction of the Holy Ghost, and some one in the crowd would remark, "That kind of preaching makes me tired." These folks are dull of hearing.

People who have this second rest and are living right up in the Spirit are not continually asking the pastor, "Is it wrong to do this?" "Is it wrong to do this, or that?" for they have strong spiritual senses and can discern between good and evil.

This rest to which these people were exhorted to enter, was not and neither is it now in Heaven. Hymns have been written and sung that put this rest in the City of God. Sermons have been preached with earnestness and great eloquence, telling us that we must wait till we put off this mortality and pass thru the gates in that Great City before we can have full deliverance from sin and have perfect soul rest. Multitudes believe this and tell us that we must struggle on in our weak way and hold out till death comes to relieve us.

There is some askance as to why I do not write or preach much on the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues. It seems that more preachers preach on Pentecostal Baptism, tongues etc. than they do on the Blood. It seems that a very few come our way who hold the blood as the only remedy for sin. I'm afraid some are jumping the blood, yet seem to get an experience, they seem to work them thru in some way, but it does not satisfy, they are not free, they lack this grand and glorious SOUL REST. They simply lack the experience, and cannot tell you for a certainty where they are. The blood maketh the atonement for the soul. Without the shedding of blood there is not even remission of sins. God declares that we can have this second rest, this perfect soul rest, because the little man who wrote this epistle was enjoying the experience. We which have believed do enter into rest." Surely he was not in Heaven while writing this letter, and yet he had this rest, this perfect SOUL REST, and now too, all who get anything from God, do so by BELIEF and as long as we sit back and say, "I don't believe," or "I have all that there is for me," conditions will remain the same, peace and joy will be intermittent, and like a snow in June, as soon as the sun shines out it's gone. This experience I am writing about isn't only promised, but we are commanded to tarry for it, not simply to learn a doctrine or theory, but to tarry until it does come, until the work is wrought in our hearts.

The followers of Moses got up one of those special entertainments while he was in the mount in prayer. They sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. They were evidently having one of those hilarious times, for as he drew near he said, "It is not the voice of them who shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome, but the noise of them that sing do I hear." It was evident that they were having a private human affair. Oh yes, they were dancing and shouting, but it was the result of human cheerfulness. Like those who have not entered into this glorious second REST, their cheerfulness is like a barometer, it goes up and down with the weather, but when one enters this second rest, he will not need to carry around a thermometer to test his feelings to (Continued on page 4)

The Killing of Uzzah

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as he begins to sing, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye, To Canaan's fair and happy land; where my possessions lie." I see the priests as they come up bearing the ark and just as soon as they put their feet in the water, I see old Jordan stop flowing, I see all the water above stand back while the people pass over to dry ground.

We would like very much to follow the ark on for a few days but space will not permit. I am now a long ways from the killing of Uzzah and will be forced to leave out some real good things. So we shall leave the travel of Israel here and go over to 1 Sam. 4. Here we find Israel in a very great conflict with the Philistines. Israel's loss was thirty thousand and the ark of Jehovah was also taken by the Philistines; but instead of it being a blessing unto them, it was a curse. We see them carrying the ark of God and setting it down before Dagon, their idol god. And in the morning Dagon had fallen with his face to the ground. They set him up again and again. In the morning they came in and found that Dagon had fallen with his face to the ground, his head and his hands were cut off, leaving nothing but the stump of Dagon. "Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor any that came into Dagon's house tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day." But the hand of God was heavy against them of Ashdod and He destroyed them and smote them with emerod, even Ashdod and the coast thereof. Then the men of Ashdod said, "The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us for His hand is sore upon us and upon Dagon, our god." Every place they carried the ark of God—it proved to be a curse to them and the men were smitten and afflicted until at the end of seven months, they were desirous of sending it back to Israel. As you see Israel had been without the ark of God for seven months and it had been said, "The glory is departed from Israel for the ark of God is taken."

But imagine how that one day Israel was made to rejoice when a messenger came from the Philistines with the good news that the ark of God was coming back to them. We see King David with the chosen men of Israel going to bring back the ark of God. We see them as they get a new cart and set the ark upon it. Remember, God had said that it should be carried; and now that they have departed just a little from His plan, trouble is drawing near. David and all the host of Israel played on all manner of instruments before the Lord, and when they came to Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to steady the ark which was shaken by the oxen. Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah and the Lord smote him for his error and he died by the ark.

So it pays to obey God at any cost. Poor Uzzah thought that he was doing good but God had said that the ark was not to be touched by the hands, so no matter how good Uzzah's intentions, his life was lost.

But now, the ark of the Lord is gone, we haven't one piece of the gold that overlaid the ark, we haven't a splinter of the wood, nor one of the poles; but I fear we have many people like Uzzah yet today. Even now in the days of the Holy Ghost some say it is no harm for one to have two living companions, another says it is no harm for me to go to dances, bathing beaches, shows and other places of worldly amusement. Another says it is no harm for me to dip, chew and smoke; while others say it is no harm for us to wear bobbed hair and bobbed dresses. Still another says we can beat our grocery bills, house rent and doctor bills; but don't forget that God killed Uzzah for a less wrongful deed than any of these. But thank the dear Lord we have no such customs in the Church of God.

We are living in the days when the eyes of the people seem to be shaded. They fail to see the Word of God as it is. We are living in the last days with sin and the devil on every hand; but remember the Word says, "Where sin doth abound, grace doth much more abound."

So let everyone do his best for the God of Israel and His Church, and live in the way He said for us to live, so that we may be blessed by His hand. Ask Him to help us to live lives that will be pleasing to Him and that our deeds may be such that we will be blessed and not killed.

May the richest blessings of Him, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power and blessings of the precious Holy Ghost rest upon all who read this. Amen.

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CORRECTION

In the issue of the Evangel dated February 11th, in the letter from Brother Dorman writing about the interest of the Church at Riviera, Fla. concerning the dollar drive, I gave credit for the letter to Brother Dryman. It should have been Dorman instead of Dryman.—F. J. Lee.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

From Jan. 1st. to Feb. 1st.
C. G. Hunter, Brunswick, Ga., 6 hdkfs.; Louis Hernigro, Kansas City, Kan. 1 small roll cotton, 1 quilt top, 3 wash clothes, 7 cup towels, 18 bars toilet soap; Emma Pyles, Christopher, Ill., 1 quilt; Mollie L. Wilson, Nauvoo, Texas, 8 caps, 2 prs. shoes, 2 prs. hose; Mrs. Lizzie Rook, Akron, Ohio; 3 caps, 2 baby's coats, 2 rattlers, 2 small ornaments, 2 Christmas wreaths, 4 1-2 yds. outing; Thomasville, Ala. (no address), 7 small dresses, 1 baby coat, 1 flannel slip, 1 little boy's suit, 1 pr. pants, 1 middle, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 pr. socks, 3 prs. bloomers (all worn); Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 box buns; Mrs. E. W. Mobley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2 sweaters and 3 hdkfs.; Mrs. Ola Young, New Orleans, La., 2 prs. shoes, 1 pr. pajamas, 1 doll and clothes for it, 1 box candy; Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 box bread and buns; 1 box from the sisters at Crumleys Chapel, Heflin, Ala., (1) Mrs. Julia Fordham, 1 quilt, (2) Mrs. Claudie Fordham, 1 pr. stockings, 1 pr. bloomers, 1 dress already made, cloth 3 1-2 yds. (3) Mrs. Mary McLeroy, 1 child's petticoat, 1 cake toilet soap, 1 paper safety pins; (4) Mrs. Emma Harris 1 bath towel, 1 pr. boys' pants; (5) Mrs. Sallie Crumley, 1 towel, 1 pr. stockings, 1 cake tub soap, (6) Mrs. Ruth Preston, 1 cake tub soap, 1 box starch; (8) Mrs. Viola Cantrell, 1 counterpane, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 bath towel, 1 middle; (9) Mrs. Lisby McLeroy, 1 bedspread; (10) Mrs. Ocie McGee, 4 yds. cloth, 1 cake toilet soap.

Cash Report

E. A. Justice, Logan, W. Va. \$41.62; M. H. White, Cookeville, Tenn., \$10.00; Helen Gindelesperger, Boswell, Pa. \$2.63; S. S. Summit, Ala. \$10.95; Church, Eldorado, Ill. \$14.06; Christmas offering, Church, Eldorado, Ill. \$11.43; Jesse Swain, Point, Tex. \$2.70; S. S. Louisville, Ky. \$10.51; Church, Augusta, Ga. \$12.43; Church, Davis Creek, Charleston, W. Va. \$4.35; M. M. Gay, Jasper, Fla. \$5.00; Lulu M. Smith, Somerset, Pa. \$7.24; Mrs. C. L. Whitlow, Kellyville, W. Va. \$3.00; Church, Wimauma, Fla. \$2.00; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. \$12.60; S. S. Phenix City, Ala. \$2.03; Church, Sebwa, Mich. \$4.53; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. \$5.12; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$4.00; Church Boynton, Pa. \$3.28; S. S. Circleville, O. \$1.44; S. S. Anderson, S. C. \$1.27; Church, N. Chatt. Tenn. \$14.00; Church, Rome, Ga. \$1.91; S. S. W. Frankfort, Ill. \$16.65; Church, Walhalla, S. C. \$3.00; S. S. Hlawatha, W. Va. \$1.38; S. S. Kaywood, Ky. \$4.93; S. S. Lindale, Ga. \$12.55; S. S. Middletown, O. \$5.00; Church, Middletown, O. \$10.00; Church, Electra, Tex. \$13.10; Mrs. R. L. Rollins, Evansville, Ind. \$1.00; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$5.21; S. S. Kansas City, Kan. \$4.20; S. S. Ferdale, Fla. \$3.48; Church, Grand Lodge, Mich. \$4.88; Church, Kentwood, La. \$3.74; Church, Pulaski, Va. \$4.00; S. S. Shannontown, Ill. \$1.59; S. S. Jacksonville, Fla. \$11.19; S. S. Balto, Md. \$6.30; Jno. Rank, Ft. Myers, Fla. \$5.00; Miss Alta Meade, Pittsburg, Kan. \$1.67; Maggie Malone, Carmi, Ill. \$5.42; Mrs. L. D. Braxton, Farmville, N. C. \$15.00; Jas. J. Martin, Ryder, N. D. \$1.80; Alta Raines, St. Joseph, Mo. \$1.38; S. S. Riviera, Fla. \$11.00; Mrs. Myrtle Eason, Stroud, Okla. \$6.66; Hickory Grove, S. C. Church, \$4.36; Church, Rockwood, S. C. \$3.00; S. S. Bunkerhill, S. C. \$1.79; S. S. Winchester, Ky. \$0.64; S. S. Sulphur Springs, Fla. \$3.04; S. S. Limestone, W. Va. \$1.55; S. S. Shegon, W. Va. \$2.01; S. S. Marion, Va. \$1.00; S. S. Fonde, Ky. \$3.40; Church Lakeland, Fla. \$1.86; Mary Elrod, Caryville, Tenn. \$1.00; Katie George, Joplin, Mo. \$1.00; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$1.40; S. S. Houston, Miss. \$5.27; S.

"I Am Happy Today"

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—I thank God for victory in my soul today. I am still saved from sin, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. Thank God for her doctrine, it just suits me from my head to foot. It is easy to come to Her doctrine if you are determined to go thru with the Lord. I trust in the Lord as my Divine Healer.

I have just closed a two weeks revival at Elmwood, Pa. and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. Two were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost for which we give Him all the glory. They will be added to the Church of God at Norristown where they live. One of them is Henry Oney and the other is Alice Shelton, my daughter. You know I am happy today. Alice is just ten years old.

Elmwood is a very small place and only a few saints, so please pray for the faithful few at that place. This was my second revival there. Two souls were saved each time. The Lord is blessing us here in Norristown. A few weeks ago the Lord put it on the heart of one of our dear sisters in the Church, Louise Oney, to pray with a seeker. She and her sister prayed with her and she was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost the same night. Some doubt people getting the full blessing all at once, but God is able to do all things. Jesus said, believe me for the very work's sake, and I am a witness that the Holy Ghost is in the temple because He spoke for Himself. I am a deacon in the Church of God at Norristown, Pa. and am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Now I ask that every Evangel reader, pray for Brother Shelton. I want to see Jesus.

S. Eldorado, Md. \$0.60; S. S. Heilburg, Ky. \$0.38; Church, Honey Comb, Ill. \$0.17; Church, Weatherford, Tex. \$2.40; S. S. Copperhill, Tenn. \$0.97; S. S. Sesser, Ill. \$6.00; S. S. Salem, W. Va. \$6.41; S. S. Tampa, Fla. \$3.05; S. S. Abilene, Tex. \$2.69; S. S. Savannah Branch, La. \$0.14; Ruth Ekstrom, Plaza, N. D. \$17.00; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. \$4.00; S. S. Christopher, Ill. \$6.00; Jack Dukes, Warrior, Ala. \$12.00; S. S. Cross City, Fla. \$5.50; L. T. Waters, Jacksonville, Fla. \$32.27 Church, Elkins, W. Va. \$2.39; Church, Electra, Tex. \$4.32; S. S. Dora, Ala. \$12.43; Mrs. Oran K. Furrill, McCaney, Tex. \$3.75; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$3.10; Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. \$1.46; Church, Branford, Fla. \$1.52; S. S. Toonigh, Ga. \$1.39; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. \$0.37; S. S. Mt. Pleasant, S. C. \$0.61; S. S. Nocatee, Fla. \$6.50; Church, Lois Chapel, Ala. \$2.94; S. S. Baldwin Park, Cal. \$3.60; Georgia Shipman, Townsend, Tenn. \$1.25; S. S. Bristol, Tenn. \$4.35; Church, Ala. City, Ala. \$19.03; W. G. Dooley, Clemons, Ky. \$20.00; Church, Orlando, Fla. \$12.00; S. R. Mitchell, Finnleyson, Ga. \$2.71; Mrs. Bell Buck, Lenoir City, Tenn. \$6.64; Rosamond Buck, Lenoir City, Tenn. \$4.95; Church, Carlo, Ga. \$1.35; Thos. M. Hunter, Blacksburg, Va. \$0.47; M. F. Davis, Mendenhall, Miss. \$1.02; Lloyd Hunt, Greenville, S. C. \$17.00; Mrs. Joe Moon, Dalton, Ga. \$1.60; Church, Parkersburg, W. Va. \$8.87; Julia Downs, Parsonsburg, Md. \$6.70; S. S. Portland, Me. \$2.00; Jno. R. Teague, Harrison, Tenn. \$2.02; S. S. Whiteside, Tenn. \$6.95; Church, Electra, Tex. \$7.49; S. S. Fitzgerald, Ga. \$2.90; R. H. Womack, Silver Point, Tenn. \$1.39; Mrs. W. H. Ramey, Springfield, Mo. \$2.00; Church, Williston, Fla. \$4.75; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$7.50; S. S. Bedico, La. \$0.06; S. S. Old Landing, Ky. \$1.81; R. F. Teague, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$9.75; S. S. Olustee, Fla. \$7.00; Miss Iva Hard, Johnston City, Ill. \$13.54; S. M. Fox, Wilkesboro N. C. \$1.00; Robert Klautd, Zap. N. D. \$1.00.

MORE INTERESTING LETTERS

Who Would Not Be Interested In Such A Great Work

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

I have become very interested in the plan for raising the debt from the Church. I have noted with interest the different efforts that the different churches are putting forth to help in this great cause. Therefore just a few words about what the Sisters at Tampa have been doing. Last week they prayed every afternoon about the matter and did not stop there but helped to answer their own prayers. Each sister pledged herself to make a special effort to give her dollar by the next Friday night, either to earn it or to make a special sacrifice. Their prayers were heard and felt by even the neighbors of the church that was unable to attend each time. It was truly wonderful the way the Lord blessed.

Friday night a service was held in honor of Sister Murphy's birthday. Sister Murphy, who was 68 years old Sunday, is still a faithful and enthusiastic worker for the Church and it's cause. Following is a copy of the program that Sister Murphy had prepared for her friends:

Opening prayer (by pastor)
Song Brother Scott
Prayer by choir
Song concert
Introductory address, by Sister Murphy. Purpose of the service—birthday.

Solo Sister Murphy
Reading by Hannah Watkins
Duet by Sisters Saunders and Aldridge.
Reading—"Jonah and the Whale"—Nina Mary Watts.

Song by mothers in the church that were near Sister Murphy's age.
Testimony, by the mothers in the song.

Talk by Sister Watts. The debt and the responsibility that is resting on each individual in the Church, was the subject.
Collection of the dollars.

With each dollar was an explanation of how it was obtained. Some of the sisters did without their milk or other things for the week, some sewed for it and others gave money that had been a Christmas present. If there is a willingness there is always a way to do something for the Lord.

I hope that these few words will help and encourage others who probably feel that they do not have the

money to give.

Your sister,
Ione Watts.
Sister Ione Watts,
Is on the spot;
Such efforts as this,
Will make the debt trot.

Brother W. M. Rumler of Tarpon Springs, Fla. writes: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we are much in favor of the dollar proposition for each member. Some of our members have paid their dollar and I think by the time it is due we will have up our share.

I am also going to have one of the Bibles by the grace of God. I have some on it now. Just as soon as our revival is over I am going to work on it again.

I felt sure that Brother Rumler was not neglecting this very important matter. It isn't like him to neglect.

Brother Raney writes: We have a body of good, loyal members and they delight to do all they can for the Church of God.

They have proved their interest in the Church of God in helping to lift the great debt. They have sent in their quota. This is the Church at Winsboro, S. C. This means another star less.

Brother T. M. McClendon of Amarilla, Texas writes: Just a line to let you know we are well pleased with the one dollar per member proposition. I can bespeak the sentiment of the Church of God at Mobetle. You can count on us * * * they have near their quota now. Some of the sisters have sold chickens to pay for those who have moved away.

What about this? Some of the sisters not only paying their own dollar, but selling some of their chickens to pay the dollar for other members of the Church who have moved away. Isn't this real love? Love for God, His Church also the saints who are not at present with them.

Brother C. B. Stewart writes: There are not but a few members here at Marie, but we are in favor of the one dollar per member to help out our part. We have already raised \$13.00 and hope to raise more.

This is Brother Stewart of Miss. He also wants to compete for the Bible. We are sending him a solicitor's card. We appreciate your efforts in this, Brother Stewart.

REQUESTS

I am requesting special prayer from all the saints for my healing. I am suffering of a stomach trouble and have a weak heart. I know the dear Lord is able to heal me, having been healed so many times and I expect to trust Him even unto death.—Mrs. Florence Billing, Rt. B. Statesboro, Ga.

I want to request everyone that believes in divine healing to please pray a special prayer for my thirteen year old daughter to be healed. She has never talked; has to be cared for as a baby. I am unable to attend services, as it would be very embarrassing to take her to church and my heart's desire is to be in the service of our dear Lord. I praise the Lord because I am sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and want to get more of God in my life, so all please pray for me and my husband and two daughters to get closer to God. I do want my little girl to be healed.—Mrs. Nettie Rentroe.

I am writing to request special prayer for the healing of my body. I have a pain in my right side that is a great burden to me. It hurts me most all the time. Everyone who reads this, please pray for me and pray that God will heal me and use me every minute of my life from now on, let it be long or short. If Brother Rouse sees this will he please pray for the healing of my body. I know God can heal for He healed me last year. I am depending on Him. Pray for my family. From one who loves the way Mrs. Beulah Goad, Rt. 1, Box 78-A., Nettleton, Ark.

I want every child of God to pray for me. I have had a head trouble ever since I was six years old. Have had three operations and physicians do not seem to do me any good. I am thirteen years of age and my head has bothered me for seven years, but I believe the dear Lord will heal me of it. I am saved, sanctified and have the blessed Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. Saints pray earnestly for me and if the Lord heals me I will testify of it thru the Evangel. I am your brother in Christ.—Willie Holloway, Altoona, Ala.

HEAVEN

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poorest of them that believe on Him. He has made it beautiful.

It Is Comfortable

This old world of ours would be a mighty fine place if there were not so many things in it that curse and blight and damn it. God might transfer His headquarters and bring His angels down if it was not for that, but in Heaven all things are known.

There will not be any Mondays up in Heaven, it will all be one long Sabbath. The pass of Glencoe in Scotland is reached by a long steep tiresome road, but at the end is a sign "rest and be thankful." And that is what you will find at the end of the way that leads to Heaven. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. There will not be any grinding toll; no tired shoulders will stoop beneath heavy burdens; our loved ones will not go down in the coal mines and often be brought back to us before the day is done, a mass of broken or charred lifeless flesh. There will be no more dirty foul sweat shops where poor widows will have to toil and suffer in foul air and dim light to get bread for their children; rising early and toiling all day, wearing out their lives without any intermission of joy or happiness. Thank God that toil and want and misery are words that Heaven cannot spell.

There will be no trouble in Heaven. The first thing you do when you are born is to cry, and the last thing you do when you die is to groan, but death cannot enter that City of God, there is no death there said John, neither crying nor sorrow. God shall wipe all tears from their eyes. We shall never have to stand mutely and helpless and see our loved ones suffer until they can suffer no more and then fold their thin tired hands and leave us. No sad good-byes in Heaven. Wilberforce asked Robert Hall for his idea of Heaven. The great preacher replied: "Heaven is rest" and you know Robert Hall was a great sufferer. His poor body was racked and tortured in the ruthless grip of a vicious disease and to his poor pain-racked body, rest more than anything else would be Heaven to him.

"And there shall be no more death," Rev. 21:4. Thank God, the Undertaker will not come and screw down the coffin lid and put the cold lifeless form of our loved ones in the hearse and head the sad procession to the burying ground; hang the crepe on the door; a mute reminder that death has visited our home and ruthlessly taken that we loved out of our arms and away from our fireside, and, as we stand by the deep narrow resting place as the body is lowered into it, grim despair seems to grip our hearts and we weep in vain, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Heaven we will never witness no such scenes as this.

The grave digger's shovel is forever laid away. There are no graveyards on the hills of God's eternal glory; no alms houses; no insane hospitals; no grim prison to remind us that someone has sinned, and behind those awful doors and windows of steel and iron there are hearts and lives that are sad and blighted forever; no electric chair will hold its terror stricken victim as the awful current hisses through their veins and sends them into eternity. For the former things are passed away, said John the Revelator.

It Is a Place of Intellectual Activity

Sir Isaac Newton, with his profound mind has long ago stopped picking up pebbles and has gone down to the very bottom of the unexplored ocean of truth that one time stretched out before him. Tennyson is singing in loftier strains and Herchel is busy exploring the stars of the new heavens that appeared when the old passed away.

Heaven is a place of never-tiring thought. No stagnation there, and you can learn as much there in a day as you can learn here in a year. The best and brainiest men know mighty little here, but up there our faculties will be quickened and intensified and all the pages of knowledge will unroll before us.

Some of us have been so unfor-

standing of the great Church of God, so let us come on with our money, if it is not much, and help to get the burden lifted and I also want the Florida saints to remember our State Overseer's statement, Brother J. A. Self, concerning the indebtedness of the tabernacle at Wimauma of which I had the pleasure of visiting last June and it made my heart rejoice as I entered into such a beautiful tabernacle in which to worship our Savior.

Now we say we love the Church, when if we do, let us show our love and appreciation with our prayers and money also. I request the prayers of all the saints that I may stay humble at His feet until He comes or calls.—C. J. Barrington.

fortunate as to not be able to get an education here, possibly too poor, or too stupid; but up there God will touch our dull minds into such intellectual acumen that we can grapple with the infinite mysteries of the Universe. For now we see through a glass dimly, but then face to face, said Paul. And what a reception up there. Did you ever attend one? I never have, but I expect to some day. At that reception up there, there will not be any idle gossip about your neighbor, no sham respectability and a lot of nonsense like goes on down here sometimes. The society up there is going to be mighty select. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie.

This old world would be a mighty fine place to live in, if it were not for some people who are here. Here you have backbiters and "Bitebaccers," gossipers, liars and meddlers, but in Heaven you do not. Here you have the avaricious and lewd and lustful. In Heaven you do not. And I believe we will know each other there. Some people may not believe this, but I do. Paul says we shall know as we are known. I expect to go before wife does, (and I want to say right here, God surely gave me a help-meet, she has been just like a crutch under both arms), and when she comes on I expect to know her, and after I've seen Jesus, I'll look for her next.

I expect there will be some surprises for us when we get to Heaven. 1st. We will be surprised to see some people we did not expect to see. 2d. We will not see some people we did expect to see. And then Heaven is an eternal place.

The writer says, "Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Where is Nineveh and Babylon with their dazzling glory of other days? Gone and the wild beast roams where their temples once stood. Where is Rome that was once called the eternal city? Gone, gone, gone. But Heaven is a city whose builder and maker is God and whose foundations shall never crumble away. There will be no end to its glory and beauty, and when we go in, we go in to go out no more forever. Its ages will never end.

How can I make sure of Heaven? We cannot afford to stop until we settle this. Do not make any mistake about the way, Jesus said "I am the way," then again He says "I am the door," and if you or I ever get there we will have to go by the way and in at the door, for He has said, if a man climb up any other way, he is the same as a thief and a robber.

Theosophy cannot save you; Christian Science cannot do it; Spiritualism is no good and Unitarianism, Universalism and Bahalism and all the rest of the isms are failures. The only thing that will let you in is obedience to Jesus. Blessed are they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City. Rev. 22:14.

Over in one of our eastern cities was a railroad engineer who had been on the road for a good many years. He was addressing a crowd of men one day among whom were a good many railroad men. In closing his address, he said "Men, I can't begin to tell you what Jesus has meant to me. Years ago on every night when I would finish my run, I would pull open the whistle and sound a blast just as we came around the curve and I would look up to a small hill where stood a little white cottage and there would be a little old man and a little old woman and they would wave back and as the engine would go shooting into the tunnel they would go back into the house. The little old woman would say to the little old man "Well, thank God, father, Bennie is safe home tonight." But at last the day came when they took mother out and laid her away, and then each night as I came by and would sound the whistle, the little old man would walk slowly back into the house and say, "Well, thank God Bennie is safe home tonight." But by and by the time came when we took father out and laid him by the side of mother and now when I give the blast on the whistle there is no one to welcome me home.

But when my life work is done and I make my last run and have pulled the throttle and the whistle the last time; as I draw near to Heaven's gate, I know I shall see that same little old couple waiting there for me, and as I go sweeping through the gate I will see my dear old mother turn to my dear old father and hear her say "Thank God father, Bennie is safe home at last." Heaven is not far away. The miles are few and short even for the youngest of us. If for no other reason, then for this one, I would give my heart to Jesus now, because it means a reunion; a meeting again with the loved ones on the other side of the dark valley through which we all must go. "I go to prepare a place for you." Let us make ready to go.—I. H. Marks, 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

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